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There are only a few things, the fruits of which a man enjoys in this world, while the stock remains for the world to come;

BUT THE STUDY OF THE TORAH IS EQUAL TO THEM ALL

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March . 6.3.41 שנה ראשית

Mr. Frederick Pitts
Police Headquarters

Recd by (C.S. branches)
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on 6.3.41.
J. J. 15/3/41

Dear Sir,

We are herewith applying for entry permits for approximately 25 Rabbis with families and approximately 75 students of Jewish theological seminaries. They are Polish citizens now refugees in Lithuania. All of them have special recommendations for visas from State Department of Washington D. C., and will proceed to United States from here. From time to time Rabbi Ashkenazi will submit the names of individuals for whom these permits will be required.

We have consulted with Mr. Newman who came from United States as representative of Union of Orthodox Rabbis of U. S. and Canada, and other religious organizations, and who has made arrangements to cover transportation and all other costs.

We guarantee to provide for all the needs of these people, and to assure that they do not become public charges. Your efforts in their behalf will be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully yours,
Rabbi M. Ashkenazi President
H. Drucker Treasurer
עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה ותומכה מאשר

It is a tree of life to them that grasp it, and of them that uphold it every one is rendered happy.

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Date March 6, 1941

Subject Central European Refugee Affairs - Immigration into Shanghai
from Soviet-occupied Poland of rabbis, theologists, etc.

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During the afternoon of March 5, 1941 Mr. E. KANN of the Committee for the Assistance to European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai introduced to me Mr. Frank NEWMAN whom, he stated, had arrived in Shanghai from America on a special mission connected with the emigration of Jewish rabbis, theologists, learned-men, etc. from Soviet-occupied areas in Europe.

Mr. NEWMAN has produced proper credentials showing that he is an accredited representative of

- (1) Emergency Committee for War Torn Yeshivoh, 673 Broadway, New York City,
- (2) Agudath Israel Youth Council of America, 616 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- (3) The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, 673 Broadway, New York City.

He has been in Japan for a number of weeks making arrangements with the American Consular and Japanese Foreign Office officials in matters connected with the transfer of many well-known Jewish rabbis and theological students from the European War zone and adjacent territories to the United States via Japan. Most of these individuals are from the former territories of Lithuania and Poland now occupied by Soviet Russia.

These rabbis and students spend their entire lives in studying Jewish theological questions and from these men are selected those members who are destined to carry on the tenets of the Jewish faith throughout the world.

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Representations have been made by the responsible Jewish bodies in the United States to the United States Government as a result of which the rabbis and students concerned will be allowed to enter the United States in order to continue their studies under the guidance and sponsorship of the Jewish bodies concerned.

Mr. NEWMAN's mission in a few words is this: It is not possible for him at present to enter Soviet Russia (United States Government regulations) but the main object of his trip to the Far East is in an endeavour to secure temporary refuge in Shanghai for these rabbis and students who number approximately 200. If permission is granted for these persons to come to Shanghai they will remain here not longer than a period of six months while arrangements are being made for them to secure visas to enter the United States. As these men are somewhat different from the ordinary type of refugee there is no desire that they should be treated as inmates of Refugee Camps in Shanghai and while Mr. NEWMAN does not wish to deposit US\$400 per person he is prepared, should it be deemed necessary, to deposit a sum of between US\$5000 and US\$10000 in order to ensure that these men are properly looked after during their stay in Shanghai. They will be cared for during their temporary stay in Shanghai by local Ashkenazi Jews (Rabbi Ashkenazi is the leading local Jew of many

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years standing) and applications for the immigration into Shanghai of these men would, with your approval, be made through Rabbi Ashkenazi and a body of responsible members of the Shanghai Jewish Community.

The reason Mr. NEWMAN requests that the US\$400 deposit be waived is due to the fact that the immigration into America of each person concerned costs the various Jewish bodies in the United States at least US\$200 and since these bodies are supporting practically all Jewish refugee organizations throughout the world - including those in Shanghai - his reasons are very obviously to save money for the purpose of assisting other deserving branches of the same cause.

If permission is granted for these persons to make a temporary stay in Shanghai they will probably arrive here in small batches of possibly half-dozens or a little more. As soon as arrangements for their entry into the United States were completed they would leave at the first available opportunity and Shanghai would see no more of them.

Mr. NEWMAN impresses one with his frankness and honesty and since Mr. KANII went to the trouble of introducing him personally I am convinced that the scheme is one that merits your attention. Orthodox Jews regard their holy-men and students of theology in a far different ^{narrow} from the normal christian. These holy men have it as a duty to make a life-long study of Jewish faith and morals in order to keep Judaism alive.

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